Targeted increase in the number of primary schools

1504. SHRI MD. SALIM:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the number of Primary Schools that will be needed per year with a view to reaching the target of total literacy by 2005 A.D. taking into account the annual increase in our population at the rate of 1.9 per cent per year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): It is primarily the responsibility of State Governments to provide facilities for primary education. State Governments work out their annual requirements of primary schools in keeping with the norms prescribed for this purpose and the availability of funds.

Primary schools without buildings

1505. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of primary schools in the country, particularly in the State of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Rajasthan which are not having their own buildings.

(b) whether Government propose to taken any action in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) According to the 5th All India Educational Survey, there were 2.63 lakh primary schools in the country, which were deficient in class rooms. The number of such schools in the States of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Rajasthan were as follows:—

Sl. No.	State	Number of Primary Schools deficient in Class Rooms
1.	Punjab	2389
2.	Haryana	900
3.	Uttar Pradesh	33283
4.	Bihar	36286
5.	Rajasthan	9413

(b) and (c) Construction of school buildings is primarily the responsibility of State Governments. Nevertheless under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Operation Blackboard, which was initiated in 1987, one of the objectives is to provide all primary schools with two all weather classrooms, a deep verandah and separate toilet facilities for boys and girls. In consultation with the Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment, this Department has worked out a formula under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) according to which States are provided with matching funds for construction of the targets under Operation Blackboard. So far 1.74 lakh classrooms have been constructed under the scheme in the country.

(d) Does not arise.

Unsafe Rail terminus at Kurla and Bandra

1506. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of certain complaints about the unsafe newly-built railway terminus at Kurla and Bandra in Mumbai, particularly the Kurla Terminus; for which there is no approach road; and

(b) if so, the rationale behind constructing such unsafe terminus and by when these terminus would be having proper facilities, including safe approach roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) No complaints have been received about the safety of these terminus. However, there have been certain representations from the public about the inadequacy of the approach roads to Bandra and Kurla Terminus stations.

The widening of the approach road at Bandra Station is held up due to the encroachments by hutment dwellers, for which the matter is pending in the Supreme Court. The approach road at Kurla Terminus will be available, as soon as the proposed road-over-bridge for Santacruz-Chembur Link Road is completed, for which the State Government of Maharashtra has to make arrangements.

Newsitem captioned "India may become a Food Importer by 2030 A.D."

1507. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem appearing in the "Times of India", dated the 4th November, 1996 to the effect that India may become a food improter by 2030 A.D.; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) No such newsitem has appeared in the Capital Edition of the Times of India dated the 4th November, 1996. However, as per an article published in the Tribune dated the 21st November, 1996, the World Watch Institute of the U.S.A. is reported to be of the view that India could become a food importer probably by 2030 if the current trend of sacrificing cropland for development continued.

(b) The foodgrain production has shown a rate of increase of 2.89% per annum during the period 1980-81 to 1994-95. The growth rate in foodgrains production being higher than the population growth, the probability of India becoming a net importer of foodgrains is not being contemplated. In order to raise productivity and production of foodgrains, the Government is implementing Integrated Cereals Development Programme for Wheat, Rice and Coarse Cereals besides the National Pulses Development Project.

मध्य प्रदेश में गेज परिवर्तन

1508. **श्री राघवजी:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) मध्य प्रदेश से होकर गुजरने वाली किन-किन रेल लाइनों को मीटर लाइन से बड़ी लाइन में बदले जाने का कार्य इस समय चल रहा है;

(ख) अब तक प्रत्येक रेलवे लाइन पर किस हद तक कार्य पूरा कर लिया गया है और शेष कार्य को कब तक पूरा कर लिए जाने की संभावना है;

(ग) ऐसी कौन-कौन सी मीटर लाइन वाली रेलवे लाइनें हैं जिन्हें गेज परिवर्तन हेतु स्वीकृति दी जा चुकी है लेकिन उन पर कार्य अभी तक आरम्भ नहीं किया गया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो गेज परिवर्तन के कार्य को आरम्भ किये जाने में विलम्ब के क्या कारण है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सतपाल महाराज): (क) नीमच-रतलाम मीटर लाइन खण्ड का आमान परिवर्तन का कार्य शुरु किया गया है।

(ख) नीमच-रतलाम खण्ड पर लम्बी अवधि की मदों जैसे पुलों आदि का कार्य शुरू किया गया है। नवीं योजना अवधि में इस कार्य को पूरा करने का लक्ष्य रखा गया है।

(ग) कुछ नहीं।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Constitution of Recruitment Board by KVS

1509. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) has recently constituted a Recruitment Board;

(b) if so, the decision in execution of which the said Board has been constituted; and

(c) the legal status as also the functions and jurisdiction thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.